

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4709–S4786

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3464–3474, and S. Res. 547–548. **Pages S4744–45**

Measures Reported:

S. 1507, to amend chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, to reform Postal Service retiree health benefits funding, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 111–203) **Page S4744**

Measures Passed:

Oil Pollution Act: Senate passed S. 3473, to amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to authorize advances from Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund for the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. **Page S4785**

House Messages:

American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act: Senate continued consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S4711–41**

Adopted:

By 58 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 182), Baucus Amendment No. 4326 (to Amendment No. 4301), to increase transparency regarding debt instruments of the United States held by foreign governments, to assess the risks to the United States of such holdings. **Pages S4736–38**

Cornyn/Kyl Modified Amendment No. 4302 (to Amendment No. 4301), to increase transparency regarding debt instruments of the United States held by foreign governments, to assess the risks to the United States of such holdings. (By 38 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 183), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S4711, S4735–36, S4738**

Rejected:

Roberts Amendment No. 4325 (to Amendment No. 4301), to exempt pediatric medical devices from the medical device tax. (By 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 180), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S4728–29, S4733**

Pending:

Baucus motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Baucus Amendment No. 4301 (to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4711**

Franken Amendment No. 4311 (to Amendment No. 4301), to establish the Office of the Homeowner Advocate for purposes of addressing problems with the Home Affordable Modification Program. **Page S4711**

Sanders Amendment No. 4318 (to Amendment No. 4301), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate big oil and gas company tax loopholes, and to use the resulting increase in revenues to reduce the deficit and to invest in energy efficiency and conservation. **Pages S4738–39, S4739–41**

Vitter Amendment No. 4312 (to Amendment No. 4301), to ensure that any new revenues to the Oil Spill Liability Trust Fund will be used for the purposes of the fund and not used as a budget gimmick to offset deficit spending. **Page S4739**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 57 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 179), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive all applicable budget points of order, with respect to Cardin Amendment No. 4304 (to Amendment No. 4301), to provide for the extension of dependent coverage under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order against Cardin Amendment No. 4304 (to Amendment No. 4301), as being in violation of section 311 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and the amendment thus fell. **Pages S4711, S4732–33**

By 57 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 181), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive all applicable budget points of order, with respect to Sessions/McCaskill Modified Amendment No. 4303 (to Amendment No. 4301), to establish 3-year discretionary spending caps. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order against Sessions/McCaskill Modified Amendment No. 4303 (to

Amendment No. 4301), as being in violation of section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and the amendment thus fell.

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EPA Greenhouse Gases Resolution—Agreement:

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Thursday, June 10, 2010, following any Leader remarks, Senate begin consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 26, disapproving a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the endangerment finding and the cause or contribute findings for greenhouse gases under section 202(a) of the Clean Air Act, and that the debate time on the motion to proceed be allotted in 30 minute alternating blocks, with Senator Murkowski controlling the first 30 minute block, and with the first block commencing at 9:45 a.m., on Thursday, June 10, 2010.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the suspensions under section 902(a)(3) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1990 and 1991 with respect to issuance of permanent munitions export licenses for exports to the People's Republic of China insofar as such restrictions pertain to the Light Scanner 32 System used for gene mutation genotyping for individualized cancer treatment; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–61)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Mimi E. Alemayehou, Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2015.

Johnnie Carson, an Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs), to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 27, 2015.

Edward W. Brehm, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2011.

James Frederick Entwistle, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Mark Lloyd Ericks, of Washington, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Washington for the term of four years.

Joseph Patrick Faughnan, Sr., of Connecticut, to be United States Marshal for the District of Connecticut for the term of four years.

Harold Michael Oglesby, of Arkansas, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Arkansas for the term of four years.

Donald Martin O'Keefe, of California, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of California for the term of four years.

Charles Thomas Weeks II, of Oklahoma, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

Kenneth James Runde, of Iowa, to be United States Marshal for the Northern District of Iowa for the term of four years.

Robert E. O'Neill, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida for the term of four years.

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Messages from the House:

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—183)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:48 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 10, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4786.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

LIVABLE COMMUNITIES ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1619, to establish the Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities, to establish the Interagency Council on Sustainable Communities, to establish a comprehensive planning grant program, to establish a sustainability challenge grant program, after receiving testimony from Jackie Nytes, City-County Council of Indianapolis and Marion County, Indianapolis, Indiana, on behalf of the National League of Cities; Joe McKinney, Land-of-Sky Regional Council, Asheville, North Carolina, on behalf of the National Association of Development Organizations; Lyle D. Wray, Capitol Region Council of Governments,